

**Installation of short wave transmitters at Bangalore and
Dharwad Radio Stations in Karnataka**

2427. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether "short wave" transmitters have been installed at Bangalore and Dharwad Radio Stations in Karnataka;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Kannada programmes of "Akashvani" was not accessible to lakhs of Kannadiagas settled outside Karnataka; and

(d) when will the "short wave" transmitters be installed at Bangalore and Dharwad Radio Stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) There are six Short Wave transmitters at Bangalore for external Service for South East Asia. There are no Short Wave transmitters either at Bangalore or Dharwad for listeners in the State, since installation of short wave transmitter at either Bangalore or Dharwad will not provide additional coverage to the State.

(c) Some representations have been received regarding non-availability of local Kannada programmes to listeners outside Karnataka. It is, however, not feasible to make available local Kannada programmes to listeners all over the country.

(d) There is no proposal to install short wave transmitters at AIR, Bangalore or AIR, Dharwad.

Improvement of DD/AIR services in NER

2428. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 767 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 2000 and state:

(a) the details of action plan formulated to implement the recommendation of Core Group of Secretaries for improvement of